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Testimony Supporting Bills Expanding Connecticut's Deposit Law for Beverage Containers

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The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition heartily endorses efforts to expand our state's successful "bottle bill" through SB 661 and SB 662.

SB 661, AN ACT EXPANDING THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE NONCARBONATED BEVERAGES, will update our legislation to ensure that our streets are cleaner, our air less polluted, and citizens better employed. Placing a 10-cent deposit on all containers, including water, juice and other beverages not currently covered, also helps us achieve our worthy recycling goals. The recovery of the non-refunded nickels will also ensure that our state budget receives a boost at a time of great need.

SB 662, AN ACT EXPANDING THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE WATER BOTTLES, only expands the list of containers to include water. This is a worthy first step. We advocate for the broader list of containers covered in SB 661.

Thank you.

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